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Dear Sir:

In reference to the above-identified patent application, this is a response to an Office Action having a mailing date of December 16, 2002 and a statutory period for response that expires on March 16, 2002. The Office Action including a restriction and/or election requirement with respect to pending claims 1-20.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required a restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-9, drawn to an annular seal, as classified in class 277, subclass 654.
- II. Claims 10-20, drawn to a process for manufacturing a seal, as classified in class 29, subclass 527.4.

Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I (claims 1-9) with traverse.